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SUBJECT: NIH GRANT HL 10870-07

1. DR ABRAHAM GUTNITSKY, PROFESSOR OF PHYSIOLOGY AT NORTHEAST UNIVERSITY, CORRIENTES, ARGENTINA AND PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR OF NIH GRANT HL 10870-07 HAS INFORMED EMBASSY SCICOUN THAT HE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED BY UNIVERSITY ON THE INSTIGATION OF LEFT-WING STUDENTS, BASED PRINCIPALLY ON HIS US CONNECTIONS. GUTNITSKY HAS BEEN OFFERED POSITION IN INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY, BUENOS AIRES, BY DR VICENTE CICARDO, NEW HEAD OF NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (CONICET) AND IS PREPARING REQUEST TO NIH FOR TRANSFER OF GRANT TO NEW INSTITUTION. IN MEANTIME, SINCE WORK AT NORTHEAST UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED, NO FURTHER PAYMENTS SHOULD BE MADE UNDER CURRENT GRANT.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT. GUTNITSKY'S DISMISSAL BY NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF NORTHEAST, AND OFFER OF NEW EMPLOYMENT BY PERONIST HEAD OF NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL IS ANOTHER ELOQUENT EXAMPLE OF CONFLICTING INFLUENCES IN ARGENTINE SCIENCE, WITH LEFT-WINGERS IN CONTROL OF UNIVERSITY SCIENCE FACULTIES DETERMINED TO EJECT FORMER AUTHORITIES, AND OLD-TIME MODERATE PERONISTS IN CHARGE OF PRINCIPAL NATIONAL SCIENCE ORGANIZATIONS ATTEMPTING TO

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MAINTAIN ORDER AND BALANCE. SIMILAR SITUATION HAS OCCURRED AT

ARGENTINE INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY, LOCATED AT UNIVERSITY OF BAHIA BLANCA. INSTITUTE'S DIRECTOR, ING ALBERT LONARDI, WHO IS PROBABLY ARGENTINA'S BEST QUALIFIED OCEANOGRAPHER AND WHO HAS HAD LONG AND CLOSE CONNECTIONS WITH LAMONT-DOHERTY OBSERVATORY OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, HAS BEEN FORCED TO RESIGN, BUT HAS BEEN OFFERED POSITION AS HEAD OF NEW OCEANOGRAPHY CENTER TO BE SPECIALLY CREATED FOR HIM BY CICARDO.

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